

In the claims:

All claims standing for examination are reproduced below with appropriate status indication.

1. (Previously presented) A networking system for a home or business site, comprising:

a bridge adapter unit at the home or business site, having an inlet port for receiving public network protocol signals; and

a telephone wiring structure in the site, the wiring structure having multiple end points and one or more junctions, and connected at a single point to an outlet port of the bridge adapter unit;

characterized in that the bridge adapter unit drives the telephone wiring structure according to a Local Area Network (LAN) protocol, translates all received public network protocol signals, regardless of protocol, to the single LAN protocol, and modulates the signals in a manner to correct signal variations at the end points due to having multiple end points driven from a single point at the bridge adapter unit.

2. (Previously presented) The networking system of claim 1 further comprising one or more converters connected at individual ones of the end points, the one or more converters comprising each an outlet port to connect to a single-media or a multi-media device, the converters converting the LAN signals to a form required by the single-media or multi-media device.

3. (Previously presented) The networking system of claim 2 further comprising one or more single-media or multi-media devices connected to one or more of the converters.

4. (Previously presented) The networking system of claim 3 wherein the single-media and multi-media electronic devices include one or more of telephones, personal computers,

fax machines, and televisions running through set top boxes.

5 - 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) A method for implementing a networking system, comprising the steps of:

- (a) delivering public network protocol signals to a level of a home or business site;
- (b) installing a bridge adapter unit having an inlet port for the public network protocol signals at the site;
- (c) connecting a telephone wiring structure having multiple end points and one or more junctions, at a single point to an outlet port of the bridge adapter unit;
- (d) driving the telephone wiring structure according to a single Local Area Network (LAN) protocol by the bridge adapter unit, translating and converting the public network protocol signals, regardless of protocol, into the single LAN protocol; and
- (e) modulating the signals in a manner to correct variations at the end points due to having multiple end points driven from the single point at the bridge adapter unit.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 7 comprising a further step installing one or more converters connected at individual ones of the end points, the one or more converters comprising each an outlet port to connect to a single-media or a multi-media device, the converters converting the LAN signals to a form required by the single-media or multi-media device.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein, in the further step, the single-media or multi-media devices include one or more of telephones, personal computers, fax machines, and televisions running through set-top boxes.

10-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously presented) The networking system of claim 3 wherein individual ones of the converters are integrated into individual ones of the single-media or multi-media devices.

15. (Previously presented) The networking system of claim 3 wherein individual ones of the converters are internal modules of individual ones of the single-media or multi-media devices.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein individual ones of the converters are integrated into individual ones of the single-media or multi-media devices.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein individual ones of the converters are internal modules in individual ones of the single-media or multi-media devices.